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(SBU) Poloff met with MFA West Asian and North African Affairs Department Desk Officer Wang Yongjun on February 10 to deliver reftel points regarding conditions for USG assistance to a new Palestinian Authority government after the January 25 Palestinian Legislative Council elections. Wang undertook to report the U.S. message and referred Poloff to the Foreign Ministry's brief February 7 statement that Beijing hopes for a smooth transition in the Palestinian Authority and that any Palestinian party in power should follow UN resolutions and the principle of land for peace. When pressed by Poloff for his thoughts regarding how to reconcile a new Palestinian Authority government with PRC anti-terrorism commitments, Wang declined to comment further.

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